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SUBJECT: EXIM BANK LENDING POLICY

ALSO FOR AF DEPUTY ASST SECY BLAKE

REF: STATE 175859

1. ON BASIS OF ONE CONVERSATION WITH MINISTER OF PLANNING AND FINANCE CHIKWANDA AND ANOTHER WITH HIS PERMSEC MWANANSHIKU AND UNDERSECY MADARO IN WHICH EXIM BANK LENDING POLICY AND VIEWS ON CHARACTER OF ROAN AND NCHANGA EXPLICITLY LAID OUT FROM REFTEL, WE HAVE DISTINCT IMPRESSION GRZ PREPARING RELUCTANTLY TO BACK DOWN FROM ITS RESISTANCE TO GUARANTEE BUT WILL HOLD FAST TO ITS POSITION AGAINST WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY. GRZ POSITION TO BE COMMUNICATED TO EXIM BANK IN MEETING CHIKWANDA AND CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR KUWANI WILL SEEK FOR END OF AUGUST JUST PRIOR TO IMF/IBRD MEETING IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

2. CAN EXIM SET UP APPOINTMENT FOR AUGUST 28 OR 29 WHEN ZAMBIAN PARTY SHOULD BE IN WASHINGTON FROM COMMONWEALTH FINANCE MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN GUYANA? IT POSSIBLE ROAN AND NCHANGA MANAGERS (PHIRI AND KAUNDA, RESPECTIVELY) MAY ALSO TAKE PART IN MEETING WITH EXIM BANK IN WASHINGTON. IF THEIR PARTICIPATION MATERIALIZES, WOULD HOPE EXIM BANK COULD MAKE CONFIDENTIAL

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SOME SHOW OF CONFIDENCE IN MD'S SO THAT RACIAL ISSUE COULD

BE PUT TO REST ONCE AND FOR ALL. WE RECOMMEND THIS BECAUSE
ISSUE AROSE AGAIN IN PHIRI'S BRIEFING OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS
AUGUST 4 IN WHICH EXIM BANK LENDING POLICY CRITICIZED.

3. URGENTLY REQUEST WASHINGTON REPLY ON SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY
LANGUAGE PROMISED IN STATE'S 158106 OF JULY 7, REQUESTED
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